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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chair of the Second Committee (A/C.2/69/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/69/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly (A/69/150) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the forthcoming addendum to the present note (A/C.2/69/L.1/Add.1), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Statements by delegations

4. The General Assembly, in its decision 65/530, decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.

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Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Unless otherwise specified, meetings of the Second Committee will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (Conference Building). The General Assembly has stressed that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. In this regard, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee may be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Bureau members of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal "informal" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; subsequently, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 26 November 2014 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Friday, 19 September 2014

4 p.m.

Organizational meeting

Week of 6-10 October 2014

Monday, 6 October

United Nations holiday (observed)

Tuesday, 7 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Keynote address

General debate

3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Wednesday, 8 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Thursday, 9 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

General debate (*concluded*)

3-6 p.m.

***Item 119*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

Discussion on the working methods of the Committee

Week of 13-17 October 2014

Monday, 13 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 17*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(c) External debt sustainability and development

3-6 p.m.

***Item 16*: Information and communications technologies for development**

Tuesday, 14 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 20*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

3-6 p.m.

Special joint meeting of the Second Committee and the Economic and Social Council to consider lessons learned from the debt crises and the ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms[a]

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 16

Wednesday, 15 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 19*: Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

(h) Harmony with Nature

(i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 (c) and item 20

Thursday, 16 October[b]

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 19*: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (i) (*concluded*)**

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[a] In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/202.

[b] Observance of World Food Day.

Friday, 17 October[c]

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event on e-government for sustainable development in small island developing States

Week of 20-24 October 2014

Monday, 20 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 23*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

(c) Women in development

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 19 and sub-items (a) to (i)

Tuesday, 21 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 17*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(b) International financial system and development[d]

***Item 18*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference**[d]

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 23 and sub-items (a) to (c)

Wednesday, 22 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 17*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

3-6 p.m.

Joint meeting of the Second Committee and the Economic and Social Council in collaboration with Project LINK

[c] There will be an event on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
[d] Item 17 (b) and item 18 will be considered jointly.

Thursday, 23 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 22*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed countries

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations conference on landlocked developing countries

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 (b) and item 18

Friday, 24 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event on an investment promotion regime for foreign direct investment in the least developed countries

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 (a) and item 22 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Week of 27-31 October 2014

Monday, 27 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 21*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) International migration and development

(b) Culture and sustainable development

Tuesday, 28 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Plenary meeting (to be confirmed)

3-6 p.m.

Joint meeting of the Second Committee and the Economic and Social Council on a renewed global partnership for development

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 29 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 24*: Operational activities for development:**

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) South-South cooperation for development

Thursday, 30 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

***Item 25*: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Friday, 31 October

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Side event on the theme "Promoting accountability at all levels: monitoring the post-2015 development agenda"

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25

Week of 3-7 November 2014

Monday, 3 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Tuesday, 4 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 61*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

3-6 p.m.

Side event on the social market economy and new instruments of social finance

Wednesday, 5 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

6 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 61

Thursday, 6 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 10-14 November 2014

Monday, 10 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

2014 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

2014 United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

Tuesday, 11 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 12 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 13 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 17-21 November 2014

Wednesday, 19 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 20 November[e]

3-6 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Friday, 21 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 24-28 November 2014

Monday, 24 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Action on all outstanding draft proposals

[e] Observance of Africa Industrialization Day.

Wednesday, 26 November

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

***Item 132*: Programme planning**

***Item 119*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly[f]**

Action on all outstanding items

Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee

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[f] The agenda item is allocated to the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly.